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Identical letters dated 18 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 18 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Report on the activities of the IAEA and UNMOVIC inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 18 January 2003

I. IAEA inspection team

1. A group consisting of four inspectors left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours, and at 0900 hours it arrived at the office of the President of Baghdad University, which is located in the Jadiriyah district of Baghdad. The group interviewed the President of the University and asked about the number of faculties it comprised, the names of its institutes of higher education and the faculties created during the past four years. It also asked about the activities of the Ibn al-Haytham Faculty of Education. The group then proceeded to another site, and at 0950 hours it arrived at the Faculty of Sciences of Baghdad University. The group interviewed the Dean of the Faculty and asked about the Faculty's departments, its self-financing, the research being carried out with government agencies and the types of research, particularly in the nuclear field. The group then proceeded to another site, and at 1300 hours it arrived at the Ibn al-Haytham Faculty of Education. The group interviewed the Dean of the Faculty and asked about the number of the Faculty's departments, the current activities of the physics and chemistry departments and the types of research being conducted in those departments. The group inspected the nuclear physics laboratory and checked the supplies and equipment used in it. It also checked the radioactive materials located in the departments. The group completed its assignment at 1355 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1420 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours, and at 0905 hours it arrived at the Tuwaythah Atomic Energy Organization. The group conducted a radiometric survey, using hand-held devices, for the purpose of detecting any radioactivity there might be. It also photographed some sites in the organization. The group completed its assignment at 1104 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1130 hours.

II. UNMOVIC biological inspection team

1. A team consisting of seven inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0930 hours, and at 0945 hours it arrived at the Food-Testing Laboratory belonging to the State Enterprise for the Food Trade in the Jumaylah district of Baghdad. The purpose of the visit to this site was to check the Iraqi declarations relating to mobile foodstuffs laboratories, which are used in emergencies when fixed laboratories for food-testing are exposed to enemy strikes. In such an event, specialists test the food that is distributed on ration cards in these laboratories before they are distributed to citizens. Naturally, these laboratories have no capacity for the production of biological agents, even in small quantities. The group inspected the laboratories, two in number (one imported and the other of indigenous manufacture), conducted surveys and took samples of water from these laboratories. The group also

photographed the mobile laboratories inside and out and requested the papers relating to their importation, which were handed over to it. The group completed its assignment at 1220 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1235 hours. It should be noted that the United States has made the accusation that these laboratories are "mobile laboratories for the manufacture of biological weapons".

2. A second group, consisting of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0740 hours, and at 0940 hours it arrived at the Faculty of Medicine of Kufah University in Najaf governorate. The group asked about the department of microbiology, the most important research under way and the number of staff holding doctorates. The group then inspected the department and then proceeded to the Faculty of Sciences of the same University. It inspected the department of biology and asked about the teaching staff and their specializations. The group then inspected the laboratories of the physics department. It then proceeded to the Faculty of Education and inspected the biology department. It also interviewed the Dean of the Faculty and asked him about the Biology Department, its current research programme and the number of teaching staff holding doctorates. The group completed its assignment at 1340 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1535 hours.

III. UNMOVIC chemical inspection team

A team consisting of 22 inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0830 hours, and at 0920 hours it arrived at the Qa'aq' State Enterprise, which comes under the Military Industrialization Board (MIC). UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams had already visited this company on numerous occasions since their return on 27 November 2002. The team inspected the products stores and checked the declarations relating to tagged equipment, documents and supplies, as well as the seals at the Sumud, Khalid, Salah al-Din and Tariq plants and 40 storage areas, sheds and containers. The team used a sub-surface metal detector and a gas detector, took five samples of the soil and of the dust on the walls and photographed the equipment in the plants it visited. The team completed its assignment at 1430 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1535 hours.

IV. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary team in Mosul

A team consisting of 14 inspectors left the Nineveh Palace Hotel and at 0920 hours arrived at the spinning and weaving plant belonging to the State Cotton Industries Enterprise. The team divided into four groups. The first group interviewed the manager of the plant and asked about the sources from which raw materials and machinery were procured, the departments within the plant, the number of computers and any changes and imports effected during the past four years. It also asked about the sources supplying the cotton. The other groups inspected all the plant's facilities and premises. The team completed its assignment at 1121 hours and arrived back at the Nineveh Palace Hotel at 1140 hours.

V. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team

1. A group consisting of nine inspectors left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0930 hours, and at 1000 hours it arrived at the Nu'man State Enterprise, an MIC subsidiary. The group divided into four subgroups. One interviewed the general manager of the company and asked him about its former name and its output. The

other groups inspected all the company's facilities. The group completed its assignment at 1250 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1300 hours.

2. A second group, consisting of five inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0740 hours, and at 1020 hours it arrived at the Ukhaydir Ammunition Storage Area located in Karbala' governorate, 70 kilometres south of the city of Karbala'. The group tagged empty 122-mm Grad warheads. The group completed its assignment at 1600 hours and arrived back at the Canal Hotel at 1815 hours.